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AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Title as follows:

-- PROCESSING APPARATUS <u>FOR TAKING AN OBJECT FROM A HERMETIC</u> <u>CONTAINER</u> --

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 16-24, as follows:

-- This invention has been made based on the above consideration, and an object of the invention is to provide a processing apparatus for processing an object to be processed contained in a hermitic hermetic container, wherein it is possible to reduce as far as possible an adverse effect of a particle in an outside space area against the object to be processed and against an inside space area and to surely prevent pollution of the object to be processed, when the outside space area in which the carrier is transferred and placed and the inside space area which is kept in clean atmosphere, for example, are communicated with each other. --